

SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK GROUP

August 26, 2009
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Executive Tower
1700 West Washington Street
1st Floor Conference Room
Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (Epi) was convened on August 26, 2009 at the Executive Tower, 1700 West Washington Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group:

Members Present (11)

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Emma Kibisu, Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services

Catherine Osborn, Arizona Department of Education

Michelle Anderson, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections

Jody Sekerak, Indian Health Services (via teleconference)

Meena Shahi, First Things First

Steve Gendler, Arizona Department of Public Safety

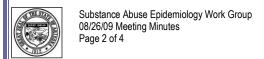
Michael Dolny, Arizona Department of Corrections

Katherine Guffey, Arizona Department of Economic Security (via teleconference)

Dennis Embry, Paxis Institute (via teleconference)

Zeenat Mahal, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (via teleconference)

Staff/Guests Present (8)	Members Absent (5)		
Jeanne Blackburn, GOCYF, DSAP	Phillip Stevenson, Chair, ACJC		
Gail Spore, AZ Dept. of Public Safety	Richard Porter, ADHS		
Angela Baldasare, PPP	Gowri Shetty, ADHS		
David Choate, ASU	Charles Katz, ASU		
Michael Sheldon, ADHS/DBHS	Amy Stuart, AOC		
Alf Olson, ADC			
Michelle Neitch, ACJC			
Gita Bewtra, ADHS (via teleconference)			



A. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. with eleven (11) members, one (1) staff and seven (7) guests present.

B. Welcome and Introductions

Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig asked each member to introduce him/herself.

C. Review of Packet and Agenda

Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig reviewed the packet and agenda with the members.

D. Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig requested a review of the July 15, 2009 meeting minutes.

• Meena Shahi moved to approve the meeting minutes as written. Michael Dolny seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed with eleven (11) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) members abstaining from the vote.

E. Announcements

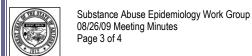
• **Meena Shahi** reminded members that First Things First lists its grant opportunities on its website: http://www.azftf.gov.

F. SPF SIG Evaluation

- Angela Baldasare, Ph.D., Technical Services Division Director of Pima Prevention Partnership (PPP), the SPF SIG evaluation agency, presented information to the group on the progress made on the SPF SIG evaluation, including the following:
 - Arizona SPF SIG Target Issues;
 - State Outcomes Analysis;
 - SPF SIG Evaluation Focus;
 - National Outcome Measures Cross-Site Evaluation "Data Drill"; and
 - Hospital Data

G. Open Meeting Law Clarifications

• **Jeanne Blackburn**, Governor Jan Brewer's Office for Children, Youth and Families, Division for Substance Abuse Policy Staff, reviewed the Open Meeting Law with the group in order to ensure that it continues to conduct meetings in a transparent manner, allowing input from the public.

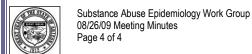


H. Emerging Issues Subcommittee Update

- As a standing agenda item of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group, David Choate, Chair of the Emerging Issues Subcommittee, updated the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group on its recent projects and accomplishments:
 - The narrative for the Life Path Project is being edited based upon feedback from the Emerging Issues Subcommittee group members.
 - The focus of the current Spotlight Report is co-occurring disorders. Mr. Choate indicated that the report will examine co-occurring disorders among detained youth as well as among incarcerated adults. Data will be supplied by the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections and the Arizona Department of Corrections.
 - Data from the School Resource Officer Survey will inform a 4th quarter School Resource Officer Spotlight Report.

1. 2009 Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile

- Jeanne Blackburn updated the group members on the progress made towards the completion of the 2009
 Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile, which includes the construction of a mock website that will allow
 public members and policy makers to utilize the data in an interactive fashion to create tables, graphs and
 maps of substance abuse prevalence and its associated consequences.
- J. Epi Project: PowerPoint Presentation for Coalitions, Conferences, Etc.
 - Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig updated the group on the proposed creation of a PowerPoint presentation
 that group members would be responsible for presenting to communities, policy advisers, etc. The
 presentation would be populated with data from the 2009 Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile upon the
 report's completion.
 - After a discussion, the group decided that until such time that potential audiences and questions to be addressed are better defined, the item would be tabled, to be discussed again when these details have been determined.
- K. Review of the July 2009 Auditor General's Office Report 09-07: Performance Audit of the Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services—Substance Abuse Treatment Programs
 - Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig asked members to review the Auditor General's Office Report 09-07during and after the meeting in order to prepare themselves for any requests from the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership and/or the Arizona Department of Health Services for assistance in addressing its recommendations.



L. Future Agenda Items

- Jeanne Blackburn informed the group that "Future Agenda Items" will be a standing agenda item. This
 time will be used for members of the group and the public to suggest items to be placed on future agendas.
 - She clarified that the substantive content of these items cannot be discussed. Rather, this agenda item allows individuals to suggest agenda items for discussion/action at a future meeting.
 - Zeenat Mahal suggested that the sustainability of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group should be discussed at the next meeting.
 - Wendy Wolfersteig suggested the addition of the review process for the 2009 Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile to be added to the September agenda.
 - Wendy Wolfersteig suggested How to Market the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile should be discussed at a meeting after the document is completed.

M. Call to Public

Vice-Chair Wendy Wolfersteig made a call to public.

Michelle Neitch replied to the call, indicating that questions for the 2010 Arizona Youth Survey are being
finalized and asked the group members and members of the public to send her any suggestions they have
toward this effort.

N. Adjournment

• **Michelle Anderson** moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m. and **Meena Shahi** seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed with eleven (11) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) members abstaining from the vote.

Dated the 29nd day of August 2009 Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group Respectfully Submitted By: Jeanne Blackburn Data Analyst, Division for Substance Abuse Policy